IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add claims 15-20, as follows:

1   –15.   A scheduling management system, comprising:

2   a schedule server which stores schedules of participants and schedules of equipments

3   reserved by ones of said participants in different groups; and

4   a plurality of remote client devices operatively connected to said schedule server,

5   which allow client users to input schedules of said participants and request an idle time

6   retrieval from said schedule server.

1   16.   The schedule management system according to Claim 15, wherein said

2   schedule server comprises a communication controller which provides a visual display of said

3   idle time retrieval at selected ones of said client devices.

1   17.   The schedule management system according to Claim 15, wherein said

2   schedule server comprises a communication controller which provides registration for a special

3   group, and wherein said idle time is retrieved so that at least one of participants and

4   equipments in said special group satisfies a retrieval condition for retrieving said idle time.

1   18.   The schedule management system according to Claim 15, wherein said

2   schedule server comprises a data access unit which accesses selected databases in accordance

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